



# MERRYLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **STUDENT VOICE & ADVOCACY**

Over the last term a number of students have written to me with concerns and suggestions they have for improving our school. Some of these suggestions have resulted in a Beyblades/Games Club and now an Art Club running at lunchtime each week. Recently a number of students wrote to me about the system for handing out the newsletter. They put forward their reasons for the newsletter to go home with the eldest instead of the youngest. I spoke with them and asked them to take their issue to the next SRC meeting – which they did. From there, each SRC representative surveyed their class for their preference. The students then put the data into a graph to show me. We have included it in the newsletter. In response to this survey, the newsletter will go home with the eldest child for the rest of this term and then be reviewed with a view to continuing in this way.

### **RECONCILIATION WEEK PERFORMANCE**

It was wonderful to see our Aboriginal Primary/High School Dance Troupe and our MPS Choir perform at Stocklands, Merrylands last Thursday as part of Reconciliation Week. Thank you to all of our family members who were there as part of the audience. We appreciate the invitation from Stocklands Merrylands and also their support for our school, including a successful grant application for \$1000 towards our Aboriginal Welcome Garden which will be at the front of our school.

### **CURRENT SCHOOL STAFFING ISSUES**

Many schools in our area and beyond are currently experiencing difficulty in securing casual teachers when teachers are sick, at professional learning or on leave. We are happy that casual teachers who come to our school are often very keen to return as this is good feedback about their experience here. If your child's teacher is away and you have a message for the class teacher or an issue of concern to discuss, please be aware that you can also talk to the Assistant Principal supervising that grade via the office.

### **LATE ARRIVALS & LATE PICK-UP**

As the weather has become colder and wetter it can be challenging to get students to school on time and afternoon pick-ups. Please allow a little extra time for parking or walking and please be especially vigilant with children crossing the road in poor weather. All late arrivals and late pick-ups are recorded on our computer system and this information reviewed by the Home School Liaison Officer and our school leadership. Families are reminded to contact the school office if there is a situation outside of your control which will result in lateness for your child.

Teaching time begins at 9.00am and we don't want any children to miss their learning.

## UNIFORMS

As winter approaches a number of students are wearing inappropriate jumpers and sloppy joes. **Please ensure that the school uniform continues to be worn on all occasions.** If it is necessary to be out of uniform please send a message to the class teacher stating why your child is out of uniform. There are also a number of jumpers/sloppy joes left around the school. Please ensure all clothing is labelled so that they can be returned to their owner.

## ABORIGINAL DESIGN SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Daren Dunn is currently working with our students each fortnight on Wednesdays. We have started with our senior students and each time he is here different classes will get the opportunity to participate in the art program. As part of his work with us, he has designed a t-shirt especially for our school. The design is printed below. There will be a separate note/order form coming home. The school will be subsidising the cost of the shirts to enable as many students who would like one to be able to order one.



## SKOOLBAG

Stay in the loop with our school through the Skoolbag App, operating on iPhones and Android phones.

As well as receiving alerts and newsletters electronically, you can send your child's absentee notes to the school direct via the App.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **Friday 7 June 2019**

Cut off day for Stage 2 Camp

#### **Monday 10 June 2019**

No school - Queen's birthday long weekend

#### **Wednesday 12 June 2019**

EAL/D Excursion

#### **Thursday 13 June 2019**

Support Unit Dentist visit

Rugby League Gala Day



**CANTEEN SPECIALS \$4.50**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Hot Dog w/ Oreo & Jelly Drink	Chicken Burger or Beef Burger  (\$5.50 with drink)	Macaroni & Cheese & Water	Lasagne & Milk	Pie or Sausage Roll & Milk

**CANTEEN HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Please do not ask for credit. If you pre-order lunch for your child and your child is away and the canteen is not notified by the parent, the lunch must be paid for.
2. All food must be paid for at the time of ordering.
3. The canteen is unable to heat up lunches. Please do not send food that requires reheating to school with your child.

**This week's Star Message is:**

**At Merrylands Public School  
we are **SAFE** in all settings.**

**We demonstrate this by:**

Keeping our hands and  
feet to ourselves

Wearing school uniform

Being in the right place

Using all equipment  
appropriately

Following teacher and  
staff instructions

Being aware of adults, teachers, visitors, students,  
strangers and moving vehicles



## MERIT AWARDS

Mouhana C 3D	Hana R 4R	Mustafa A 4P	Mehdi R KF	Bilal B KW
Sara M KS	Kayan S 1T	Mariah S 5/6N	Tinotenda M 2/3O	Zakariya Y 2/6LJ
AbbAs K 5/6T	Zuhal N 1C	Daniel A 1C	Ella A 5/6K	Kester H 2R
Milad A 2S	Toakase F 2S	Natan S 1/2P	Zakaria H 1/2P	Mohamed H 3/6S
Ayah S 3/6S	Annamaria A 2/3O	Zak K 2/3O	Ralf C 2/3O	Yousra O 5/6K
Jessie C 5/6T	Mohammed S 2R	Adam C K/3L	Eumi O K/3L	Dlan R 5/6N
Yousef K 1C	Anastasia C 1C	Ahsan K KZ	Rony F 4R	Alizia M 3D
Asma S 1T	William A 1T	Cem G 4P	Malia M KF	Tony S 1J
Demirhan D 4/5O	Sarina R KS	Ali A 5/6N	Kira L 2R	Amar E 3/6S
Wayne W 5/6K	Geenalin V 5/6K	Ehsan M KW	Saima G 1J	

## GOLD AWARDS

Teegan L 5/6K	Newralia T 2S	Elvis K 3/6S	Ibrohim E 3/6S
Taghred M 4R	Soman S 5/6D	Zakariya Y 2/6LJ	Mariam S 2/6LJ
Emre Y 1T	Asra S 5/6T	Danica B 5/6T	Anxin L 5/6T
Jamie B 5/6T	Abbas K 5/6T	Talea B 5/6T	Ismat W 5/6T
Hassan M 5/6T	Jessie C 5/6T	Liyah B 4R	Alyssa M 4R
Anusha N 2R			



## **SPORT REPORT**

### **PSSA**

#### **PSSA Draw**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sport VS</b>	<b>Where</b>
7 June	Widemere Netball Soccer/Football Newcombe Ball / Rugby League	Widemere PS ( <b>bus fare</b> ) Alpha Road ( <b>bus fare</b> ) Bye - no afternoon training
14 June	Hilltop	Home
21 June	Greystanes	Home
28 June	Ringrose Netball/ Soccer Newcombe Ball Rugby League	Ted Burge ( <b>bus fare</b> ) Ringrose Public School ( <b>bus fare</b> ) Home

#### **THURSDAY AFTERNOON TRAINING**

Due to Eid celebrations, we are asking students to advise coaches if they will be attending training this week. If the majority of team members are absent on Thursday, afternoon training will be cancelled this week. We will inform families of this decision with a post on Skoolbag. If you do not have this application on your phone, please be sure to phone the school prior to Thursday afternoon.

#### **ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

The Merrylands/Parramatta Zone Cross Country was held last Tuesday. Congratulations to all students who attended this carnival. Mr Green and Miss Kotarski reported great sportsmanship and some great results with one of our students Hassan M representing at the Sydney West Area Carnival.

#### **PARRAMATTA CUP GALA DAY**

Our Junior (10years) and Senior (12 years) Rugby League teams have been entered in the Eels Cup. The competition will be held at Cabramatta Sports Ground on Thursday 13 June 2019. Information notes for players and Stage 3 spectators have been distributed. The permission slips and bus fare must be returned to the office by Tuesday 11 June. Please note that there will be NO AFTERNOON RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING on this day (13 June).

#### **NETBALL REPORT**

We are two weeks into winter PSSA and although we have not had a win yet the girls have shown great perseverance and teamwork. The junior team is a very new group of girls with Hana and Grace the only girls who played last year! They are learning all the rules and positions of the game. In our game against Parramatta West Grace scored all 4 goals. Mabuba scored her first goal against Sherwood Grange. The senior team has a lot of experience with most of the girls having played since Year 3. They have a lot of fun and laughter every game!

## **PSSA RESULTS VS Parramatta West 24/5 and Sherwood Grange 31/5**

<b>TEAM vs Parramatta West</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>BEST EFFORT</b>
Newcombe Ball JUNIOR	Won 3-0	Tarah - top serving Amnyah - great effort Raza - learning the game
Newcombe Ball SENIOR	Won 3-0	Mariam - serving with power Hebba - great catching Sara H - learning the game
Netball JUNIOR	Draw 4-4	Grace - 4 goals Hana - speedy centre Rakaya - Awesome defence
Netball SENIOR	Lost 11-13	Ella - teamwork Zahra B - teamwork
Soccer JUNIOR	Lost 0-1	Arman - soccer skills
Soccer SENIOR	Draw 0-0	Bahram - super skills
Rugby League JUNIOR	Lost 10-20	Hossain - more great talking Moussa - trying to defend
Rugby League SENIOR	Won 24-0	Edward - greater involvement Zach - having a go

<b>TEAM - Sherwood Grange</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	<b>BEST EFFORT</b>
Newcombe Ball JUNIOR	Won 2-0	Najma - thinking before throwing Manar - great serving Zakia - awesome game!
Newcombe Ball SENIOR	Won 2-0	Mariam - great spiking Bianca - nice serving Matina - awesome game!
Netball JUNIOR	Lost 3-11	Taghred—learning a new position Mabuba - 1st goal in netball
Netball SENIOR	Lost 12-17	Phoenix - strong defence Talea - consistent team player
Soccer JUNIOR	Draw 1-1	Yousef H - super defence Ali Sina M - great goal Tabish - soccer leader!
Soccer SENIOR	Lost 0-3	Noah - ball skills Soman - passing Lachlan - great tackling
Rugby League JUNIOR	Lost 10-20	Nathaniel - excellent dummy half work Elam - super try, super stepping Hassan - nice support Isaac - working hard
Rugby League SENIOR	Won 24-22	Michael - brilliant wide running Adam - Heavily involved Saad - Great game in the middle Phillip - terrific organisational skills



## LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to our first finishers in the Premiers Reading Challenge for 2019. Well done!!

Chloe M - 3D	Ali N - 3D	Aleena R - 3S
James K - 3S	Moska N - 3S	Noura K - 3S
Moqadas L - 4P	Mashal N - 4P	Aroz F - 4P
Max C - 4R	Melinaz N - 4R	

## GOAL BALL GALA DAY

On Friday 31 May, the Merrylands goal ball team went to regional championships at the Genea Netball Centre. The team played against three other schools including Lidcombe Public School, Emu Plains Public school and West Ryde Public School. Merrylands won every game including the final which ended with a score of 4-2. The undefeated goal ball team will be returning to the Genea Netball Centre in August to compete in the NSW finals.

Congratulations Boys!



## STAGE 3 NEWS

### GOLD RUSH INCURSION

Students from Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) are invited to an incursion from the Iconic Performance Pty Limited entitled "Gold Rush". It is a 2 hour educational experience based on the Discovery of Gold in Australia. We will be having 2 sessions in the hall on Wednesday 26 June.

Cost of the incursion is \$10.00 per student which should be paid at the office by Friday 21 June 2019.

### STAGE 3 CAMP

We have now filled all places for Stage 3 overnight excursion in Term 3. If any student still wishes to attend they may pay their \$50.00 deposit and be added to a reserve list in case other students cannot participate due to sickness etc. Payment plans for all participants will be available Friday 7 June outlining balances owing. They will be distributed by Mr Douglas or Mrs Douglas on Friday.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 3-6 DANCE GROUP

Congratulation to the Years 3-6 Dance Group on successfully auditioning for the Our Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House at the Sydney Opera House in Term 3. Well done!

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

We are excited to be taking part in the **2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn** program. In this campaign, we hope to be able to purchase some great resources with the points we earn. Collect your stickers at Woolworths and for every \$10 you spend (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. Your children can then place them in the box in the school office or you can drop them into Merrylands Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the School.



Shop

Earn one sticker for every \$10\* spent at Woolworths.





## Merrylands Public School

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## Parent Online Payments Instructions

Go to the Merrylands Public School website – <https://merryland-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

**Click on Make a Payment**

## MAKE A PAYMENT

## ENROLMENT

***Make a Payment*** page will display, enter the following:

(all these fields need to be completed except Reference)

Make a Payment

**F** indicates a false negative; detected when red score met with a score of 0; **T** means true positive.

Enter your child's given name

Enter your child's surname

Enter your child's class and year

Reference Number (leave blank)

Enter your child's date of birth

[Click on Next Section](#)

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**Contact Details page will display, enter the following:**

Enter your Full Name

Enter your Contact Phone Number

Enter your Email Address

[Click on Next Section](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Content Details' page for a user named 'root'. Under the 'Permissions' section, there is a table with columns 'Name', 'Type', and 'Action'. The table lists several permissions, including 'AWSIAMFullAccess'. A red arrow points to the 'Attach' button next to this permission.

**Payment Items page will display, enter the following:**

Enter Payment Type from the drop down menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Payment Items' page. At the top is a dark header with a shopping cart icon and the text 'Payment Items'. Below this is a form with three main sections: 'Payment Type', 'Description', and 'Amount'. The 'Payment Type' dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Voluntary School Contribution', 'Subject Contribution', 'Excursions', 'Sport', 'Creative and Practical Arts', 'Sales to Students', and 'Other'. Red arrows point from the text instructions to the dropdown menu, the 'Description' text input field, the 'Amount' text input field, and the 'Next Section' button. The 'Total Amount' is displayed as '0.00' with the currency 'AUD'. There are buttons for 'Cancel Payment', 'Add Another Payment', and 'Next Section'.

Enter Description (Example: name of activity or excursion – Zoo, PSSA, Uniforms etc).

Enter Amount you are paying

Select Next Section

**Card Details page will display, enter the following:**

Enter your Card Details;

Cardholder name

Credit Card Number

Expiry Date

Card Verification Number (CVN)

The number on the back of your card

The screenshot shows the 'Card Details' page. It has a dark header with a card icon and the text 'Card Details'. Below this are four input fields: 'Cardholder Name', 'Credit Card Number', 'Expiry Date', and 'Card Verification Number (CVN)'. Red arrows point from the text instructions to each of these fields. The 'Credit Card Number' field has a Visa logo next to it. There are buttons for 'Cancel Payment' and 'Proceed to Confirmation'.

Click on Proceed to Confirmation

If you have any problems completing these steps, please come and see the ladies in the office and they will assist you with your payment.

## STUDENT VOICE

The students of Merrylands Public School have recently given their opinions regarding how our newsletter is sent home to our families. Students voted on whether they would prefer the eldest or youngest member of the family is responsible for bringing the newsletter home. It was decided that the eldest member of the family will be bringing the newsletter home from now on.

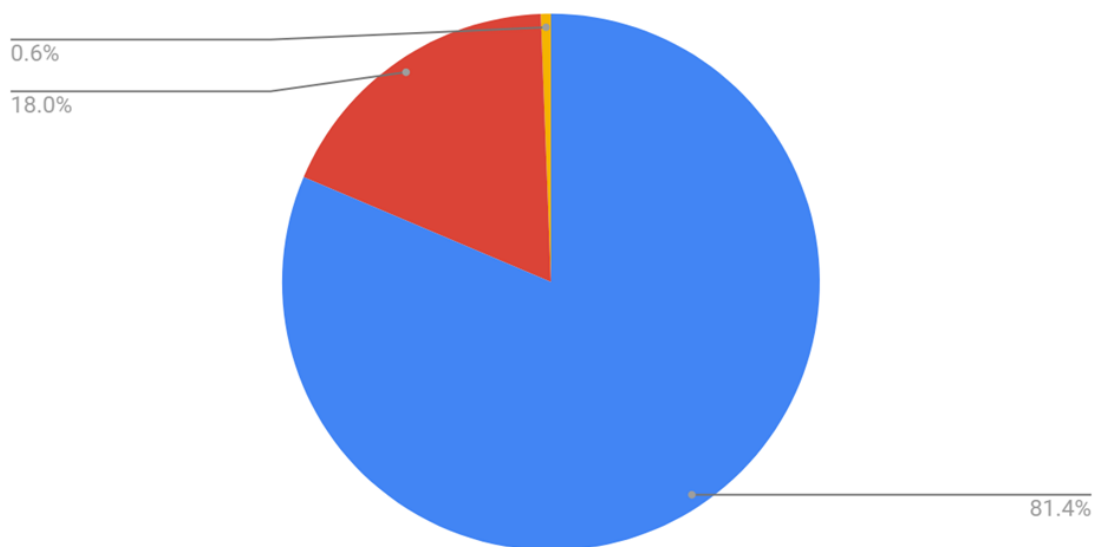
### Newsletter Changes

#### Who should receive the newsletter?



#### Students who would like the newsletter

Blue: Oldest Red: Youngest Yellow: Unsure



The above graphs were created by Yasmein, Hana and Mabuba in 4R.

**3/6S NEEDS YOUR HELP.....**

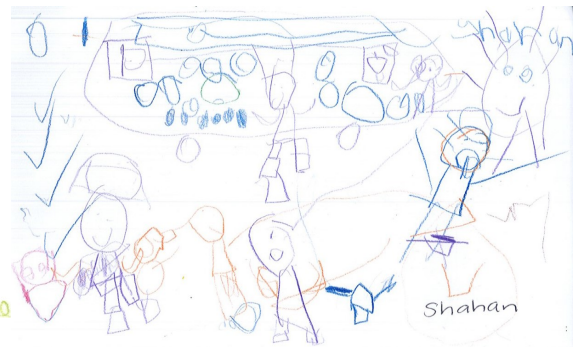
Simon



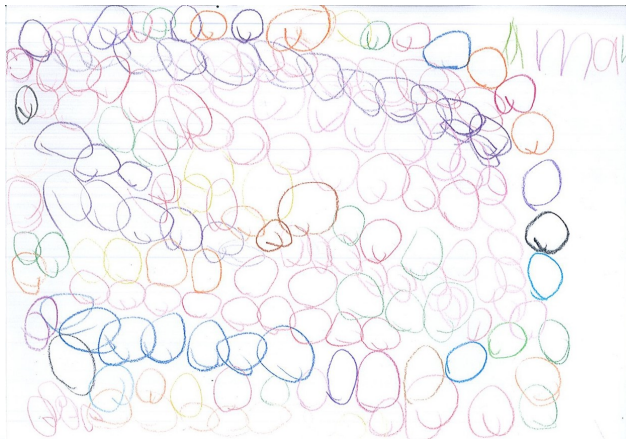
We need your help! 3/6S are collecting plastic lids so that we can make art next term. We want to save lids from landfill. Please save your lids from home and put them in the container on the stage.



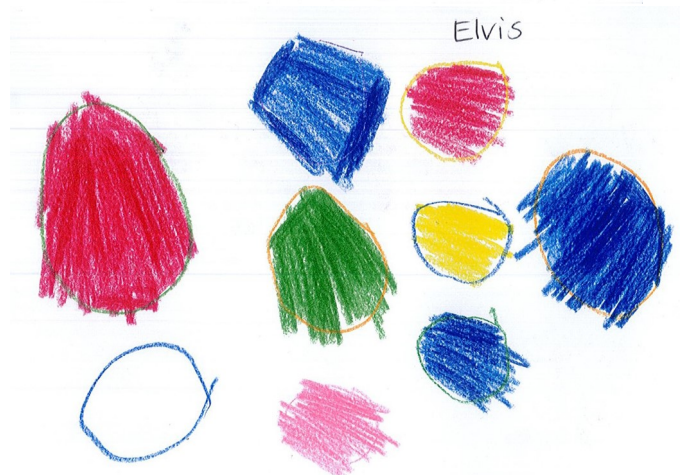
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